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Letter dated 8 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that Jordan would like to apply for membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Jordan believes that joining the Executive Committee will provide a great opportunity to benefit from its deliberations, information-sharing and best practices. At the same time, Jordan expresses its readiness to contribute to the outstanding work of the Executive Committee and to fully cooperate with its members in a bid to alleviate the suffering of refugees, and thus find a sustainable solution for them.

The plight of refugees is one of the most pressing challenges facing the international community and it is imperative that we find durable solutions, requiring collective effort. In keeping with this conviction, and factoring in Jordan's long-standing history in dealing with refugee problems, it is our hope that the Economic and Social Council will consider Jordan's request favourably and recommend to the General Assembly that it increase by one the membership of the Executive Committee.

(*Signed*) Zeid Ra'ad Zeid **Al-Hussein**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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